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What to do for Sick Birds.

AS soon as the average poultry keeper finds a bird or two ailing or dumpish, he hunts up the list of diseases the birds are subject to and taking up the one that seems to suit the case of his birds proceeds to dose and bathe the unhappy victims, which nine times out of ten get worse for every treatment instead of better. And every day or so brings new patients to the chicken infirmary and he wonders why all his birds are getting sick and the sure cures "don't work worth a cent." The reason (we are inclined to think) of this failure is, that in the first place no disease is present and that if instead of looking to a disease as the disturbing cause the poultry man would examine his system of

management for errors, he would more often succeed in overcoming the trouble.

Ailments in poultry are yet somewhat doubtfully treated, because very difficult to diagnose correctly. Oftener than not the patient has been ailing long before any symptoms manifested themselves. A quick and practised eye readily detects anything wrong by the movements of the bird, and casting about in his mind for a cause, will consider first of all what contributing items have brought it about, and by studying the conditions of life of the specimen, will furnish a remedy without much trouble. For instance if the bird is in heavy moult, he will give a little iron or meat, Nature's restorer of wasted strength and the elements for sustaining the great waste going on in the system. If a bad cold and rattling in the throat, a half teaspoonful of Electric Oil poured down and allowed to touch the throat as much as possible on its journey, followed by a quarter teaspoonful of good ginger mixed in a tablespoonful of molasses and hot water, just as you would do for one of the youngsters, will fetch the bird right, if done for two nights in succession, especially if you will take the trouble to give an iron pill in the morning.

While on this subject of doctoring, we may say that any medicine you give should be allowed time to act before changing the treatment. We can highly recommend Carter's Iron Pills in cases where birds require any form of iron and it is imperative that they get enough. One pill at night is a dose;